

## Gunmen kill three, injure nine in Nasarawa community

THE police command in Nasarawa State has confirmed the killing of three persons in an attack in Akunza Ashige community of Lafia Local Government Area (LGA) of the state, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* has reported.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Ramhan Nansel, confirmed the incident in a statement on Wednesday in Lafia.

Nansel said the command received a distress call reporting an attack by unknown gunmen in the village on Tuesday, December 30.

"Upon receipt of the report, the Commissioner of Police, Shetima Jauro-Mohammed, immediately deployed a detachment of Mobile Police personnel and other tactical teams to the area.

"During the response operation, two corpses were recovered, while nine injured persons were rescued and rushed to nearby hospitals.

"Unfortunately, one of the injured persons died in the early hours of Wednesday, while others are still receiving treatment," Nansel said.

According to the statement, the Commissioner of Police has extended the condolences of the command to the families of the victims, and directed the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) and Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of operations to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the attack.

"They were directed to proceed to the area and conduct a comprehensive investigation aimed at unraveling the perpetrators of the dastardly act, with a view to ensuring their immediate arrest and prosecution."

He assured residents of Akunza Ashige and environs that the command is ready to ensure that all those responsible for the crime are brought to justice.

He urged members of the public to remain calm and continue to support the Police with timely and useful information.